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In re application of:

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Thereof for Plant Improvement

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**Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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